

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 666

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend head coach Shelley Collier and the 2011-12 Webb School of Knoxville girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division II-A State Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2011-12 Webb School of Knoxville girls' basketball team have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Spartans achieved an extraordinary level of success during this tremendous season, which was capped by their recent victory in the TSSAA Division II-A State Tournament championship game. They defeated Franklin Road Academy (FRA) 41-34 at Lipscomb University's Allen Arena, a win which captured the school's third state title, with previous wins in 2007 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, led by Shelley Collier, the team's head coach for fourteen years, the Lady Spartans were able to avenge a loss to FRA in the previous year's championship, a fitting reward for a season of hard work and constant practice; and

WHEREAS, hitting 51.7 percent of their shots from the floor, compared to FRA's 34.2 percent, the Lady Spartans were able to jump from a 7-7 tie in the first quarter to a 23-12 lead at halftime; and

WHEREAS, freshman Molly Melton was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after leading the team with seventeen points, making four steals, and collecting four rebounds; and

WHEREAS, the coaches' leadership and passion for the game are without question, and their principles of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes were on display throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Webb girls' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Webb girls' basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate head coach Shelley Collier and the 2011-12 Webb School of Knoxville girls' basketball team on winning the TSSAA Division II-A State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.